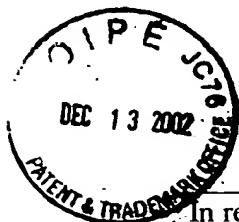


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002, please consider the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection in view of the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for one-month, up through and including December 13, 2002; (b) Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191; (c) Exhibits 1-4 (Copies of publications by: Qu, et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, vol. 277, no. 38, pp.35574-35585 (2002); Katsu, et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, vol. 277, no. 46, pp.44220-44228 (2002); Sato, et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, vol. 277, no. 40, pp.37678-37684 (2002); and, Uyama, et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* (in press), published online Nov. 13, 2002 as Manuscript No. M209446200 (29 pages)); (d) Version With Markings To Show Changes Made; and, (e) a Fee Transmittal Sheet, with appropriate fee.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 25, 50, 77, and 102 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 21, 46, 73, and 98 with the amended claims shown below:

21. (Once Amended) An isolated antibody or portion thereof that specifically binds to a protein selected from the group consisting of:

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